



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 337**

February Session, 2012

\* \_\_\_\_SB00337PS\_\_\_\_031412\_\_\_\_ \*

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE SILVER ALERT SYSTEM.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 29-1f of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2012*):

3 (a) The clearinghouse established under section 29-1e shall collect,  
4 process, maintain and disseminate information to assist in the location  
5 of any missing person who (1) is eighteen years of age or older and has  
6 a mental impairment, or (2) is sixty-five years of age or older, provided  
7 a missing person report prepared by the Department of Emergency  
8 Services and Public Protection has been filed by such missing person's  
9 relative, guardian, conservator or attorney-in-fact appointed by the  
10 missing person in accordance with chapter 7, any health care  
11 representative appointed by the missing person in accordance with  
12 section 19a-576 or a nursing home administrator, as defined in section  
13 19a-511, or, pursuant to section 2 of this act, by an employee of the  
14 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services who is certified  
15 under the provisions of sections 7-294a to 7-294e, inclusive. Such  
16 relative, guardian, conservator, attorney-in-fact, health care  
17 representative, [or] nursing home administrator or employee shall  
18 attest under penalty of perjury that the missing person (A) is eighteen  
19 years of age or older and has a mental impairment, or (B) is sixty-five  
20 years of age or older. No other proof shall be required in order to

21 verify that the missing person meets the criteria to be eligible for  
22 assistance under this subsection. Such relative, guardian, conservator,  
23 attorney-in-fact, health care representative, [or] nursing home  
24 administrator or employee who files a missing person report shall  
25 immediately notify the clearinghouse or law enforcement agency if the  
26 missing person's location has been determined.

27 (b) Subject to available resources, the clearinghouse established by  
28 section 29-1e may collect, process, maintain and disseminate  
29 information to assist in the location of missing persons other than  
30 children and those persons who are eligible for assistance under  
31 subsection (a) of this section.

32 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2012*) A relative, guardian or  
33 conservator of a person who is receiving inpatient services at a facility  
34 of the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and is  
35 missing from such facility may request the Commissioner of Mental  
36 Health and Addiction Services to file a missing person report with the  
37 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for purposes  
38 of receiving assistance in locating such person under subsection (a) of  
39 section 29-1f of the general statutes, as amended by this act.  
40 Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 52-146c and 52-146e of the  
41 general statutes, the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction  
42 Services may authorize an employee of the department who is certified  
43 under the provisions of sections 7-294a to 7-294e, inclusive, of the  
44 general statutes to file a missing person report with the Department of  
45 Emergency Services and Public Protection under subsection (a) of  
46 section 29-1f of the general statutes, as amended by this act, with  
47 respect to such person. Such report shall disclose only the minimal  
48 amount of information concerning such person as is necessary for  
49 purposes of the assistance provided under subsection (a) of section 29-  
50 1f of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

<p>This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:</p>
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2012</i>	29-1f
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2012</i>	New section

***Statement of Legislative Commissioners:***

A technical change was made in section 2 for accuracy of reference.

***PS***        *Joint Favorable Subst.-LCO*